

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 866
By Maggart

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Arthritis Walk by the Lake in
Sumner County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pay tribute to those special events that unite individuals and communities to achieve a common goal; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Walk by the Lake in Sumner County is one such event deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary event will be held on May 7, 2006, to raise money and increase arthritis awareness in the community; and

WHEREAS, arthritis, the leading cause of disability in the United States, is a debilitating disease that affects people of all ages, not just the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the fastest growing walk event in the nation, Arthritis Walk is sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, which seeks to improve the lives of people with arthritis through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and arthritis-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Walk by the Lake in Sumner County is a noncompetitive, team-building event where individuals form teams to raise money and provide support for a co-worker, friend, or family member afflicted with arthritis; and

WHEREAS, over 50,000 people in 200 different cities participated in the Arthritis Walk in 2004, raising over \$ 4 million to help improve the lives of people with arthritis and find a cure; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause to honor this outstanding charity event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the organizers and participants of the Arthritis Walk by the Lake in Sumner County for their meritorious contributions in the fight against arthritis and wish this exemplary event every success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.